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January 13, 2023

The Honorable Senator Melony Griffith, Chair  
Finance Committee  
3 West Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SB0140 – State Highway Administration - Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge - Designation

Senator Griffith:

The Board of County Commissioners for Calvert County writes to **SUPPORT SB0140** to designate the bridge across Fishing Creek on Maryland Route 261 in Calvert County as the Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact County Administrator Julian M. Willis at 410-535-1600, extension 2202 or County Attorney John Norris at 410-535-1600, extension 2566. Thank you for your kind consideration of our position regarding this important Bill.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Earl F. Hance

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Mike Hart, Vice President

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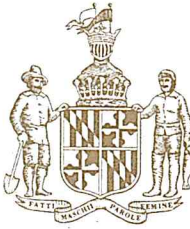
cc: The Honorable Senator Michael Jackson

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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

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***TESTIMONY - SENATE BILL 140***  
***STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION –***  
***FALLEN HEROES FISHING CREEK BRIDGE – DESIGNATION***  
***FINANCE COMMITTEE***  
***FEBRUARY 1, 2023***

Chair Griffith, Vice Chair Klausmeier, and Committee Members:

Senate Bill 140 is a very straightforward bill that designates the bridge across Fishing Creek on Maryland Route 261 in Calvert County as the Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge.

This is a simple piece of legislation introduced in conjunction with representatives of the Town of Chesapeake Beach. It is part of a larger effort of the town to better recognize the service and sacrifice of residents who paid the ultimate sacrifice serving their country or community in either the military or in the public safety field.

This legislation is just a direct way to recognize these individuals and a fitting tribute to allow their families and their neighbors to pay them the respect that they so richly deserve.

**For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 140.**

**NORTH BEACH**  
**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**

-----FIRE AND RESCUE DIVISION-----

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NORTH BEACH, MARYLAND 20714

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January 24, 2023

To: Members Senate Finance Committee

Subject: Testimony Supporting Senate Bill SB 140 State Highway Administration Fallen  
Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge Designation

Committee Members, on Behalf of the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department, I ask for your support for Senate Bill 140 which will require the State Highway Administration to designate the bridge across Fishing Creek on Maryland Route 261 in Calvert County as Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge.

Since our incorporation on August 4, 1926, the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department has unfortunately lost two members in the Line of Duty Deaths (LODDS). These members and the date of their deaths are:

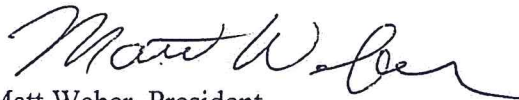
Firefighter Larry H. Cox LODD April 7, 1970

Rescue Captain Patricia "Pat" Osburn LODD May 26, 2018

Our Department respectfully recommends that members of the Senate Finance Committee vote to designate the Fishing Creek Bridge as the Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge in honor of our two members who died in the line of duty while serving our community as well as the many other members of our community who passed as Fallen Heroes.

For these reasons we support Senate Bill 140 and encourage you to support it as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Matt Weber, President

North Beach Volunteer Fire Department

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January 24, 2023

Maryland Senate Finance Committee  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

As the Mayor of the Town of North Beach, I am writing to ask for your support for Senate Bill 140, which will require the State Highway Administration to designate the bridge across Fishing Creek on Maryland Route 261 in Calvert County as *Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge*.

The designation of the bridge is an appropriate expression of gratitude and recognition for those who risk their lives for our community and for our country. I fully support Senate Bill 140 and encourage you to support it as well.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Benton'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Mike' written in a more compact style and the last name 'Benton' written in a larger, more prominent script.

Mike Benton  
Mayor, Town of North Beach

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Mike Benton, Mayor

Council Members: Gregg Dotson Mary Healey Mickey Hummel Lauren Kabler Paul Tronccone Ken Wilcox





# BAYSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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**Date:** February 24, 2023

**To:** Members, Maryland Senate Finance Committee

**From:** Rev. Glenn Swanson  
Senior Pastor, Bayside Baptist Church, Chesapeake Beach, Maryland  
President, Baptist Convention of Maryland and Delaware (BDM/D)

**Subject:** Testimony Supporting Senate Bill (SB) 140 - State Highway Administration –  
Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge - Designation

On behalf of Bayside Baptist Church and the over 450 churches of the Baptist Convention of Maryland and Delaware (BCM/D), I ask for your support for Senate Bill 140, which will require the State Highway Administration to designate the bridge across Fishing Creek on Maryland Route 261 in Calvert County as Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge

During my time as pastor, and as current President of the Baptist Convention of Maryland Delaware, I have had the privilege to witness firsthand the dedication of the men and women who have faithfully served and are currently serving our nation, state and community in our military, police and fire departments. I have solemnly stood by hospital beds and the gravesides of those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom and protection. For those men and women and their families, we owe a great debt of thanks and gratitude.

In God's Holy Word, the scriptures remind us in John 15:13 that "*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*" Among the thousands of men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation was my nephew Christopher W. Swanson. Chris was killed in action in July 2006 while serving his third tour of duty in Iraq. Gold Star families like ours and the families of our fallen officers, fire fighters and first responders will find some sense of comfort in knowing that our state and community remembers and honors our fallen heroes with memorials such as this.

For these reasons we support Senate Bill 140 and encourage you to support it as well. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please know that we are praying for you and for all those who faithfully serve our state and community. If there is ever anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to let me know.

In Christ,

Rev. Glenn Swanson

To: Members, Senate Finance Committee

From: Gary W Swanson

Subject: Testimony Supporting Senate Bill (SB) 140 - State Highway Administration – Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge - Designation

Committee Members,

On behalf of The SSG Christopher Swanson Veterans Support Charity and our family, I ask for your support for Senate Bill 140, which will require the State Highway Administration to designate the bridge across Fishing Creek on Maryland Route 261 in Calvert County as Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge. Our Son, SSG Christopher Swanson was a lifelong resident here in the Twin Beaches area. He loved his slice of paradise along the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. Chris was KIA in Iraq while serving his third tour. He believed in his mission and cared deeply for his men. As a retired Police Detective I am also aware of the sacrifices that our first responders make day in and day out serving our community. Sadly many have also paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving. There is no better way to honor our local heroes than to designate the Fishing Creek Bridge as the Fallen Heroes Bridge. It will remind those who travel across it that the freedoms and life we as citizens enjoy, does come with a price.

For these reasons we support Senate Bill 140 and encourage you to support it as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Gary W Swanson President and Proud Father of an American Hero

SSG Christopher Swanson Veterans Support Charity

657 Alder Place, North Beach Maryland 20714



**STALLINGS - WILLIAMS  
AMERICAN LEGION POST 206**

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To: Members, Senate Finance Committee

From: **Scott Deacon**  
Commander, American Legion Post 206

Subject: Testimony Supporting Senate Bill (SB) 140, State Highway Administration  
Fallen Heros Fishing Creek Bridge - Designation


Committee Members,

On behalf of *Stallings-Williams, American Legion Post 206*, I ask for your support for Senate Bill 140, which will require the State Highway Administration to designate the bridge across Fishing Creek on Maryland Route 261 in Calvert County as Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge.

Our organization, of over 850 members, is proud to support our local community, State, and Nation in several meaningful ways. We especially support recognizing the ultimate contributions that have been made by our military in all wars. The daily sacrifices and risks encountered by the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department to include our EMTs, and the Calvert County Sherriff's Office, as well as the active duty members of our community should continually be respected and recognized. A fitting reminder and tribute would be to rename the bridge in their honor.

For these reasons we support Senate Bill 140 and encourage you to support it as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

  
**Scott Deacon**  
Commander



*For God and Country*

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# Holland Point Citizens Association, Inc.

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Anne Arundel County  
P.O. Box 232  
Holland Point, Maryland 20714

January 27, 2023

To: Members, Senate Finance Committee

From: Gayle P. Shumate

Subject: Testimony Supporting Senate Bill (SB) 140 – State Highway Administration – Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge – Designation

Committee Members:

On behalf of the Holland Point Citizens Association, I ask for your support for Senate Bill 140, which will require the State Highway Administration to designate the bridge across Fishing Creek on Maryland Route 261, Calvert County, as Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge.

The Holland Point community began in 1923 as a cluster of summer cottages. We have now developed into a residential community on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay at the southern tip of Anne Arundel County. We are a neighborhood consisting of approximately 200 homes and rely on our local Fire Department, our County police department and our local EMS volunteers.

We have current and past residents who have served in numerous wars and those who are currently serving in our military. The route across Fishing Creek is travelled regularly everyday by most of us. It would be a great reminder to all of us to remember our fallen heroes.

For these reasons, we support Senate Bill 140 and encourage you to support it as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

  
Gayle Shumate

President, Holland Point Citizens Association

# **SB140 Mayor Mahoney Testimony.pdf**

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Good Afternoon Honorable Senators,

It is an honor to be here. I am Chesapeake Beach Mayor Pat Mahoney asking you all to support SB140.

A huge portion of our town population is retired or active military, First Responders and Peace Officers. We are a patriotic town.

I like to describe Chesapeake Beach this way:

As you drive into town, you see:

- the American Legion and flags on the left.
- Straight ahead is the beautiful vision of Veterans Park on the Chesapeake Bay, flags waving. Home to our WW2 Honor Roll and Vietnam War Memorial
- Take a left at the Bay and you see NBVFD, which is actually in Chesapeake Beach
- Take a Right at the Bay to the center of town and you have boating, fishing, crab houses, a Water Park, a resort and 3 gaming establishments. These attractions bring many hundreds of thousands of Marylanders every year who cross Fishing Creek Bridge to enjoy the amenities we have to offer. 94% of our visitors are from across the State of Maryland!

Fire trucks, ambulances, police vehicles also cross this bridge every day as well. But those men and women inside are not there to enjoy amenities. Their job is to protect Marylanders even if it puts their own lives at risk!

Please join our effort to pay tribute to those heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice and support SB140.

Thank you



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February 1, 2023

The Honorable Melony Griffith  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: *Letter of Information – Senate Bill 140 – State Highway Administration – Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge – Designation***

Dear Chair Griffith and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on Senate Bill 140 but offers the following information for the Committee’s consideration.

Senate Bill 140 would require the MDOT State Highway Administration (SHA) to designate the bridge across Fishing Creek on MD 261 in Calvert County as the Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge.

The MDOT has an established policy and procedure for roadway dedication or naming. Upon receipt of a dedication, naming or renaming request, the Maryland Department of Transportation gathers the appropriate information to present to the Maryland Transportation Commission (MTC). Such requests should include statements of support from local elected officials and state legislators, as well as statements showing broad community support. Upon review, the MTC then submits the request to the Secretary of Transportation for a decision.

Senate Bill 140 does not clarify the exact meaning of “designate,” but the potential renaming of a State highway or any public road poses challenges and costs including: reprinting of maps, replacing signs along and beyond the immediate highway area, changing mailing addresses, difficulty in locating an emergency 911 services call based on an older road name, upgrading emergency and other government mapping systems, and confusion and potential costs with legal or real estate documents that reference a road name that no longer exists. For these reasons, the MDOT recommends the dedication process for a roadway or facility, as it visibly honors the requested individual, group, or entity with the appropriate signage and avoids the concerns enumerated above.

It should be noted that the Maryland Department of Transportation received a dedication request for Fishing Creek Bridge to be dedicated in honor of a local public servant who has since passed away. Both the MTC and the Secretary of Transportation approved the dedication request, and the MDOT SHA has been working to identify a safe and secure area to place the signage.

The Honorable Melony Griffith  
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The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information when deliberating Senate Bill 140.

Respectfully submitted,

Pilar Helm  
Director of Government Affairs  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
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